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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

- 1.-34. (Canceled)
35. (Previously Presented) A multiple unit building, comprising;
a concrete foundation;
a number of residential units constructed above the concrete foundation,
wherein at least some of the number of units are positioned bordering
at least a portion of an atrium having at least a public portion formed
above the concrete foundation, each unit including a semi-public area
adjacent to an entrance into the unit and adjacent to the atrium;
the public portion having a common area for ingress and egress from outside
the building connected to the atrium;
a number of levels including a basement located below the atrium.
36. (Canceled)
37. (Previously Presented) The multiple unit building of claim 35, wherein the
building has a number of levels and wherein the concrete foundation is on a first
level and the atrium extends upward through a number of levels.
38. (Previously Presented) The multiple unit building of claim 35, wherein the
common area has an elevator therein.

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39. (Previously Presented) A multiple unit building, comprising;
a common entryway leading to an atrium, the atrium bordered by a number of private residential units in which the residents reside for ingress and egress of residents to and from their units, the atrium having a public area formed therein;
the number of units each having a semi-public area formed from at least a portion of the atrium and wherein each said semi-public area is adjacent to the public area, the number of units each having a front entrance to the unit facing to the atrium;
wherein the building includes a number of levels stacked one above another, each level includes a number of units bordering at least a portion of an atrium, the number of units bordering the atrium having an entrance to the unit facing the atrium, and wherein a number of levels have a floor that acts as an upper boundary for one atrium and a lower boundary for another atrium.
40. (Previously Presented) The multiple unit building of claim 39, wherein each unit has a foyer adjacent to the front entrance.
41. (Previously Presented) The multiple unit building of claim 39, wherein the entryway is connected to a number of different atriums each having a number of units bordering the atrium.
42. (Previously Presented) The multiple unit building of claim 41, wherein a number of units are arranged back to back such that the back of one unit faces one atrium and the back of the other unit faces the other atrium.

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43. (Previously Presented) The multiple unit building of claim 39, wherein each unit includes a semi-public unit area proximate to the unit and wherein the atrium includes a public area positioned between each unit and each semi-public area.

44. (Canceled)

45. (Previously Presented) The multiple unit building of claim 35, wherein the basement includes a number of parking spaces for parking automobiles.

46. (Previously Presented) The multiple unit building of claim 39, wherein each of the semi-public areas is arranged such that access from the public area to each of the units as accomplished by passing through one of the semi-public areas and through the front entrance of the unit.

47. (Canceled)

48. (Previously Presented) The building of claim 39, wherein the building includes a public area within each atrium, each said semi-private area associated with and proximate to a particular unit and front door into the particular unit.

49. (Currently Amended) The building of claim 48, wherein each said front door is positioned for entry of an individual into the unit via the unit's associated and proximate ~~semi-public~~ semi-private area.

50. (Previously Presented) The building of claim 39, wherein each semi-private area is adjacent to a particular unit.

51. (Previously Presented) The building of claim 35, wherein the building includes a first level having a floor forming a lower boundary of a first atrium thereon and a first number of units bordering the atrium;

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a second level having a second number of units bordering the atrium; and
a third level having a floor and a third number of units bordering a second atrium, wherein the floor of the third level acts as an upper boundary for the first atrium and a lower boundary for the second atrium.

52. (Previously Presented) The building of claim 51, wherein the second level includes a public area within the first atrium for ingress and egress of residents to the second number of units, a number of semi-public areas wherein each semi-public area is adjacent to a portion of the public area and associated with and proximate to a particular unit of the second number of units and an entry door into the particular unit that is positioned for entry of an individual into the unit from one of the atriums.

53. (Previously Presented) A multiple unit building, comprising;
a concrete foundation;
a number of residential units constructed above the concrete foundation, the number of units bordering at least a portion of an atrium having at least a public portion formed above the concrete foundation, each unit including a semi-public area adjacent to an entrance into the unit and adjacent to the atrium;
a common area for ingress and egress from outside the building connected to the atrium; and
a number of levels and wherein the concrete foundation is on a first level and the atrium extends upward through a number of levels.

54. (Previously Presented) The multiple unit building of claim 53, wherein the building has a number of levels including a basement located below the atrium.

55. (Previously Presented) The multiple unit building of claim 35, wherein each unit has a foyer adjacent to the front entrance.

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56. (Previously Presented) The multiple unit building of claim 35, wherein each unit includes a semi-public unit area proximate to the unit and wherein the atrium includes a public area positioned between each unit and each semi-public area.

57. (Previously Presented) The multiple unit building of claim 35, wherein each of the semi-public areas is arranged such that access from the public area to each of the units as accomplished by passing through one of the semi-public areas and through the front entrance of the unit.

58. (Previously Presented) The multiple unit building of claim 53, wherein the building includes a first level having a floor forming a lower boundary of a first atrium thereon and a first number of units bordering the atrium;

a second level having a second number of units bordering the atrium; and
a third level having a floor and a third number of units bordering a second atrium, wherein the floor of the third level acts as an upper boundary for the first atrium and a lower boundary for the second atrium.

59. (Previously Presented) The multiple unit building of claim 58, wherein the second level includes a public area within the first atrium for ingress and egress of residents to the second number of units, a number of semi-public areas wherein each semi-public area is adjacent to a portion of the public area and associated with and proximate to a particular unit of the second number of units and a primary entry door into the particular unit that is positioned for entry of an individual into the unit from one of the atriums.

60. (Previously Presented) The multiple unit building of claim 39, wherein the building has a number of levels including a basement located below the atrium.

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61. (Previously Presented) The multiple unit building of claim 60, wherein the basement includes a number of parking spaces for parking automobiles.
62. (Previously Presented) The multiple unit building of claim 54, wherein the basement includes a number of parking spaces for parking automobiles.
63. (Previously Presented) The multiple unit building of claim 35, wherein at least some of the number of residential units are constructed on the concrete foundation.
64. (Previously Presented) The multiple unit building of claim 35, wherein the public portion is formed on the concrete foundation.
65. (Previously Presented) The multiple unit building of claim 35, wherein the atrium is formed on the concrete foundation.
66. (Previously Presented) The multiple unit building of claim 35, wherein the basement is formed on the concrete foundation.
67. (Previously Presented) The multiple unit building of claim 51, wherein the first level is not adjacent to the second level.
68. (Previously Presented) The multiple unit building of claim 51, wherein the second level is not adjacent to the third level.

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69. (Previously Presented) A multiple unit building, comprising;
a number of levels stacked one above another and having a number of units
on each level;
multiple atriums, each bordered by a number of residential units in which the
residents reside, the atrium having a public area formed therein, and
the number of units each having an entrance to the unit facing to the
atrium.
70. (Previously Presented) The multiple unit building of claim 69, wherein at
least one of the atriums extends upward through a number of levels..
71. (Previously Presented) The multiple unit building of claim 69, wherein each
atrium extends through one or more different levels of the building.